

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW CASTLE  
REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING  
TOWN HALL – 201 DELAWARE STREET – NEW CASTLE  
TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 18, 2001 – 7:00 P.M.  
POSTPONED FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 BECAUSE OF NATIONAL TRAGEDY**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council President Castagno  
Councilman Balasico  
Councilman DiAngelo  
Councilwoman Dr. Miller  
Councilman Reese

**Also Present:** Janet Carlin, Treasurer and Robert Martin, City Administrator

Moment of silence for tragic events of September 11, 2001 to the families and nation in particular.

Revisit of protocol for this session.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Police Department Report	August 2001
Public Works Department Report	August 2001
Building Official Report	August 2001
Finance Department Report	August 2001

Dr. Miller moved reports to be accepted as submitted and Mr. Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer's report read by Janet Carlin, approximately one-third of taxes collected.

Mr. Reese moved report to be accepted as presented and Mr. DiAngelo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes by date.

Regular Council meeting of August 14, 2001 and special Council meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2001.

Mr. DiAngelo moved to accept the minutes as submitted and Dr. Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Castagno read a letter from New Castle Visitors Bureau thanking Council President, Council, Mayor Klingmeyer, Chief McDerby, the Officers of the Police Department, Bob Martin--City Administrator, Woody Harrison, and the Public Works Department for their support and assistance in the event (**antique show**) from Mr. Kenneth C. Sturgis, Chairman, August 16, 2001.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

No comments from the floor.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR**

Not present.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

No new business.

### **BUSINESS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Martin read the following correspondence:

- A. Audit from Municipal Service Commission is available in City office. Copy on file.
- B. We received a recycling grant which was announced last month. Recycling bins (**3**) will be placed on Battery Park (**30 gallons**). They will be properly marked. Hopefully, they will not be used for trash deposit. This is now a City project.
- C. A lady has expressed concern about water from Castle Hills into Boothurst. Representative Houghton will ask Department of Transportation to get something done immediately.
- D. DNREC supplemental information about dredging of river. Additional information available from the Corp of Engineers.
- E. Report from summer park and recreation submitted by Eileen Malone – 88 campers – three parks were open – 16 field trips, 12 counselors. Mr. Martin feels New Castle had a good program this summer. Ms. Malone is willing to return next year with some new plans.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Discussion of impact of events on the City. Dr. Miller states we are fortunate to have four great events during the year. Major parking problems to be addressed. Separation Day and Day in Old New Castle have shuttle service. Start talking with people who chair these events. Shall report back at October meeting.

2. Recognition for urns at wharf beautification committee. Mr. Castagno recognized list of special people who give of themselves. Some vandalism has been experienced with the urns. Mr. Martin states that with the work on the wharf they will be bolted down.
3. Change the traffic pattern in the area of the monument at Third and Chestnut. Mr. DiAngelo says it is a safety issue. Recommends to make permanent at the cost of \$5,000.00. Mr. Castagno feels not enough information to make a decision. Dr. Miller questions if it has served its purpose. Will be revisited in October.
4. Update on the 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Mayor Klingmeyer is was not present. **Tabled.** Mr. DiAngelo advised an agenda is available in the City office. Mr. Castagno would like to applaud the committee.
5. Have received two bids to audit the City financial records. Dr. Miller made a motion to accept the bid from Truitt, Sarnecki, and Associates and seconded by Mr. Reese. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Request that curb on East 4<sup>th</sup> Street be painted yellow. Sign on garage (**barn**) not effective. Mr. DiAngelo suggests painting curb edge and have police enforce. Inform Public Safety that it has been done.
7. Stabilization of Delaware Street Wharf. Have received plans and specs for project. Current plans are to immediately advertise for bids to have construction start no later than December 1, 2001. Traffic will be detoured. Three month project ready to go forward.
8. Resolution #2001-17 – Honoring Paula M. (Mikki) DiEmidio with twenty years of service to the City of New Castle. Signing will take place.
9. Rights of Way Ordinance will be ready for October meeting.
10. Council opinions on Parking Ordinance. Leave open for discussion or pass on to City Solicitor. Few questions on what is allowed in front yard. No motor driven vehicles should be parked on any lawn. Public Hearing – October 11, 2001 – Regular Monthly Meeting – Ordinance will be left at City office for public comment. Mr. Balascio stated ordinance concern is public safety.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Kitty Burris:** Wishes to inform Council that Bob Sigmund is back in the hospital.

**Flo Russell:** Does not agree with Third Street traffic pattern. Speaking for herself in Washington Park. Cars on lawns—as many as seven (7) cars on one lawn. On going issues with ATV boats and cars (**eyesore**). Feels she is living in a ghetto. Thinks the parking ordinance should be passed. Second complaint about Bus Stop at 11<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets. It is difficult to see around bus. Asked that bus stop be placed further down Washington Street. Tractor trailer parking. Wants to know where bus stop is on list of priorities. If you want public input need to get it before motions are passed. Also feels Mr. Castagno was inconsiderate.

**Ned Hutchinson:** Took offense with County Executive, Mr. Gordon, statement about providing police, parks, and library for New Castle. When we provide our own police, parks, and library. Feels we should not pay any County tax.

**Skip Wample:** Suggest the parking problem could be addressed by purchasing Deemer Steel property **(blacktop the contaminated ground)** and charge for parking. Also could be used as park and ride.

Wharf has no handle rails. Concerned about City liability. Stated Delaware City has a nice set-up. Also wants to know is wharf stabilization permanent or a temporary fix. Mr. Martin responded by saying wharf stabilization is a permanent procedure. The railing situation is being addressed.

Moratorium on building permits which only increase parking problems. Armory not the solution to problem. Since the Fire Company needs to expand use that building for police and administration, Center of City, is out around Washington Park and Shawtown. Take care of the people who are taking care of us.

**Mike Alfree:** Takes exception with agenda. Point of consideration. He has input that should be considered. Feels Council is not consistent. Would like explanation of **(delay in posting due to late arrival of information)**. Feels it should not be placed on very item.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Balascio. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Toner, City Clerk  
September 18, 2001